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COMPOSITION OF BRO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing composition of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) indicating the total Manpower under its control;

(b) whether as per the extant arrangement, there is provision to appoint only military officers to the post of Director General and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any committee to determine the ratio of officials of Army and General Reserve Engineer Force and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Cabinet Committee on Security had approved for reconstitution of BRO way back in 2006 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is disparity in pay and allowances to the engineers of different cadres and if there is a proposal to undertake cadre review in the organization to remove anomaly and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) consists of the personnel from two streams namely Army and Civilians. The civilian stream is called General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF). The present strength of BRO is 36761.

(b) As per present arrangements, the post of Director General Border Roads (DGBR) is always held by a military officer to facilitate operations of the forces.

(c) Yes, Madam. An Expert Committee to review the existing manning ratio between Army Officers and General Reserve Engineer Force Officers was constituted on 1st June, 2011 and has made recommendations on the manning ratio.

(d) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in September, 2006 approved restructuring of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and the manpower strength of BRO was increased from 36945 to 42646.

(e) The pay and allowances of the civilian and military engineers have been fixed by Government orders in pursuance of 6th Central Pay Commission recommendations. There are differences in allowances based on exigencies of civil/military service. Government has ordered cadre review of GREF officers/employees to recommend cadre structure and strength.